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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Confirmation No.: 4033

Hirotoshi MAEGAWA, et al. Art Unit: 3621

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For: NETWORK SYSTEM, DATA DISTRIBUTION METHOD, AND
RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH DISTRIBUTION USE DATA IS
RECORDED AND WHICH CAN BE READ BY COMPUTER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

GROUP

Prior to continued examination of the above-identified application, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 18, 35 and 52 as follows:

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JEL*
18. (Four Times Amended) A data distribution method in a network having a
plurality of connected nodes for suitable distributing any content as a transactable
product, comprising:

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sending through the network